

The Rochester Philatelic Association, Inc

HINGES & TONGS

MEETINGS ARE HELD 2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS SEPT.-JUNE AT ST. PAULS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TRADING & TALKING 7PM FORMAL PROGRAM 8PM

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Special Invitational Issue

Approximately 50 people requested more info on RPA/Ropex during this year's show. They have all been sent a copy of this H&T. ed.

RPA participates in Strong Summer Sun

FROM THE INTERNET

Subject: APS Elections: Final Results

John Hotchner has been elected president of the American Philatelic Society in election tallies that were completed today. He polled 5,071 votes to Ken Lawrence's total of 4,597.

Wayne Youngblood (6,018 votes), Lloyd DeVries (4,769), Ann Trigg (4,563), and Jeanette Knoll Adams (4,481) were elected to the four positions as Directors-At-Large.

Lois Evans-deViolini was elected (5,100 votes) to Trustee of the American Philatelic Research Library.

Janet Klug (9,094) was unopposed for secretary of the APS, as were John Apfelbaum (8,786) and the three member slate for Board of Vice Presidents (8,856) of Patricia Walker, Dr. Peter P. McCann and Gordon Morison. Total number of ballots in this year's election was an all-time record of 9,883.

Randy Neil, President
American Philatelic Society

Several members took part in the Summer Sun program sponsored by the Strong Museum. Don Schurr coordinated the activities ably assisted by Paul Gerwitz, Ada Prill and Dave Engdahl. Philatelic material was donated by Andy Hale of McLeod Stamp and Coin Co. Inc. at 2423 Monroe Ave. Rochester, N.Y. The program consisted of children between the ages of six to twelve being brought into the strong museum from various inner city youth groups.

The stamp portion included instructing the youth on how to identify US commemorative and definitive stamps, foreign stamps and how to remove stamps from paper. Stamps were distributed to each youth to take home with them and material was distributed to those youth advisors who expressed an interest in continuing stamp activities within their groups.

The Strong museum administrators of the Summer Sun program expressed their appreciation to the RPA for the presentations and volunteering of time to make the Summer Sun program a success.

Thanks to all who helped or donated material.

Article for Hinges & Tongs by Don Shurr

RPA PROGRAMS

- Sept. 11 - - SHOW and TELL ... Let's hear about your summer stamp hunting.
- Sept. 25 - - Railroads on Stamps .. Norman Wright will present collecting railroads on stamps.
- Oct. 9 - - Auction, each member can bring up to 5 lots...any number of donation lots are welcome, seller gives 10% to club
- Oct. 23 - - APS Slide Show - - Yugoslavia: Provisional Issues of 1918-1921

SILENT AUCTION AT EACH MEETING (when no called auction) UP TO 7 LOTS PER MEMBER

YOU ARE INVITED - - -

Welcome to Hinges and Tongs "Invitational" issue!

September is the start of the program year for RPA, and with this issue Rochester Philatelic Association invites you to:

(*) First, read Hinges & Tongs from cover to cover. Discover the interesting articles on various features of stamp collecting, read about what other stamp collectors collect, learn of the stamp shows you could attend around the area, check the meeting schedule (and mark your calendar!). THEN

(*) Join, if you are not now a member, or

(*) If you are a member, plan to attend more meetings, become involved in club activities, introduce stamp collecting to someone who hasn't discovered the fun of it, and/or get in touch with an inactive member.

The Rochester Philatelic Association is a member of both the American Philatelic Society and the American Topical Association -- two national organizations devoted to stamp collecting, and stamp collectors.

But mostly RPA -- Stamp Club -- is a lot of fun! Why not take our invitation, and stop in. Our first meeting is Thursday, September 11. Or if you are a little shy, get in touch with one of us by e-mail (see the addresses on another page), or call any one of the officers listed.

RPA OFFICERS FOR 1997-1998

Elected at the club's annual meeting on June were:

Tom Fortunato, president
John Kellas III, vice-president
Don Schurr, recording secretary
Joe Doles, corresponding secretary
David Roehrig, treasurer
Chuck Schultz, Board of Governors, three-year term

Also on the Board are Ada Prill until 1998, and Rick Kase until 1999. Paul Gerwitz serves on the Board as immediate past-president.

Florence Wright is membership chairman (appointed).

MEMBERS HONORED

The RPA banquet on June 14 at the Diplomat Banquet Center served up more than good food and camaraderie.

"For outstanding contributions to Rochester

Philatelic Association" were the words on the Warren Stevens Memorial plaques presented this year to TWO members: Betty V. ("Dusty") Miller and Richard A. ("Rick") Kase.

Dusty has been a faithful member since 1975. She takes active interest in all RPA activities. She is a regular attendee at most ROPEX meetings, giving the group such moral support that she has been listed as the show's "spiritual advisor!" She keeps us in touch with all things British -- including stamps and covers, and if you say "Hi, Dusty" you're usually rewarded with her friendly "Hello, Luv."

Rick Kase joined RPA in 1981, and contributes much to club activities. He is the frame fund coordinator, plans and organizes club cachets for first-day covers, and handles cover sales which help keep the ROPEX exhibit frames in good condition. Also, he has been ROPEX chairman on several occasions.

Three members were given Life Member status: Jack Holt, Bruno Antonini, and Rev. Barclay Fishburn. (Be sure to read the next issue of H & T for more on these new life members). One may become a life member of RPA after 25 years of continuous membership. As life members, they will have their dues paid for the rest of their lives.

RPA LIFE MEMBERS

Of the 140 members of RPA, 28 hold Life Member status. In addition to the three new "inductees" into this prestigious group, life members include:

Jane Wilson, Robert Gustafson, Mark Hull, Gerhard Siefert, Ezra Lempert, Herman Gross, Bonny Yurchison, Ernst Riedl, Raymond Stone, Dr. Peter Gleason, and Bert Kiener - all of Rochester;

Other New York state members are Donald Stevens, Dansville; Joe Pal, Webster; Robert McClelland, West Henrietta; Werner Baum, Pittsford; Laurence Harris, Naples; Audrey Pankratz, Fairport; William Arthur, Herkimer; Alton Arnold, Bergen; Thomas Driesel, Albion; Walter Orton, Grand Island; and Ernst Riedl, Macedon.

Life Members living out-of-state are Mary and Gordon Morison, Maryland; Mildred Place, Florida; and Paula Sadler, South Carolina.

Our "hats are off" to these important members of our club.

"OUT & ABOUT"

The D & C, had this suggestion of something to do on on Sunday, Aug. 17:

"Railroads in Stamps," slide lecture and booksigning by Norman Wright, co-author of *Railways of the World on Stamps*, New York Museum

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Many thanks to those of you who responded with letters after getting the Membership Chairman's little postal reminder this summer.

You still have time to do to pay your 1997-98 dues of \$15.00. There are about 25 of you who still have not paid. Please give or send your cash or check to Florence Wright, 33 Northumberland Rd., Rochester, NY 14618.

You will continue to receive the Hinges and Tongs if you do. If we haven't heard from you by the end of September, we will have to take your name from the mailing list; PLEASE don't let that happen.

Welcome three new members who joined us over the summer: Mario Mazzullo of Rochester, and Joseph Cronin and Salvador Barragan from Pittsford.

If you can, give Iva Austin a call and wish her well. She has sold her house and is now living in an apartment in Perinton. She writes that she is not going to renew her membership "as I do little driving at night. I have enjoyed my membership up to now, but the time has come."

Iva joined RPA in 1983 and has been a faithful member ever since. We will miss Iva; perhaps she can come to visit once in awhile -- if someone gives her a ride! (Hint).

Our sympathies extend to William Arthur, Life Member, whose wife, Evelyn died on June 2, 1997 in their home in Herkimer. Mrs. Arthur was an RPA member from 1983 to 1987, and worked at numerous club activities, including the ROPEX shows. In Herkimer, she was active in local genealogical and historical societies.

-- And Now To Topics

ATTENTION all topical collectors, or would-be topicalists:

The ATA now has a must-have handbook, *Adventures in Topical Stamp Collecting*, the second edition. This is a new and improved book, with 96 pages and more than 150 illustrations, half of them in color.

It is a handbook for both beginning and advanced topical collectors, co-authored by Jerry Husak and George Griffenhagen, two very knowledgeable topical collectors.

The handbook will cost ATA members \$20, non-members, \$22. However, since Rochester Philatelic Association is a chapter of the ATA, any member of our club can have a book at the lower price. See Florence Wright if you are interested.

The latest issue (and back issues, too) of *Topical Time* is waiting for you in the club library - see Joe Doles. Besides a variety of articles, check out "T.O.P.S - Topics of Postmark/(Meters) Slogans" found on page 42. Or, learn about "Topical Postal Stationery" on page 45.

FLASH! SEPT.-OCT. ISSUE JUST IN. Check it out for Thematic Philately around the World.

Treasurer's Report

Copies are available of the eight page treasure's report. Copies will be at the 1st. Sept. meeting.

A copy can be mailed to you by sending a SASE to the RPA PO Box, attn: Joe Doles

Constitutional Changes Pass

The latest 3 propositions to the RPA Constitution have all passed overwhelmingly. Briefly, they now limit an incumbent president to run only one additional consecutive term in that office, Governors-at-Large vacancies during a term will be filled per Article IV, section 3, and the term "Internal Audit" now clearly defines our yearly financial review.



R S STAMP SHOW

in 2nd great location

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th
and

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1997

Red Men's Club

1001 Lexington Ave.

(Cor. Mt. Read Blvd.)

Rochester, NY 14606

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DEALERS

REAR ENTRANCE, ROOMS 6&7

SAT. 10AM-5PM

SUN. 10AM-4PM

RPA Australian Sister Club

We are pleased to announce that the RPA now has a sister club relationship with the Salisbury Philatelic Society near Adelaide, Australia. One of their members, Ron Young, happened to surf on our web page and a dialog began between him and Tom Fortunato.

Our two clubs are very similar in size and scope. Like our group, their membership has diverse philatelic interests. Besides an exchange of newsletters, it is hoped that members will be interested in philatelic exchanges and correspondence. By mail, they may be reached at:

Salisbury Philatelic Society Inc,
PO Box 336, Salisbury 5108
South Australia.

Anyone interested in a visit? Don't forget, seasons down-under are reversed, so when we are freezing and buried with a foot or two of snow in February, they will be enjoying summer! Keep reading Hinges and Tongs for regular updates about our sister club.

Empire State Games Here in 1998

Rochester will once again play host to New York's premier amateur sporting event in 1998, the Empire State Games. The games are a mini-Olympics of events for high schoolers, collegiate athletes, adults and seniors in well over 20 sports. This will be a wonderful chance to introduce philately to the general public, not only Rochesterians, but visitors from around the state as well.

Do you have an interest in exhibiting, anything from one pagers on up to 10 plus frames? Why don't we focus our exhibiting efforts this stamp season and put together 1-2 frames of material on a particular sport? These could be displayed at the various venues around the city with RPA representatives there to answer questions.

This will be the event in Rochester next summer, and the RPA can and should be part of it. What do you think? We will discuss the matter at our first meeting and throughout the coming months.

1998 NSCM Mall Event

October is National Stamp Collecting Month, and the RPA will again visit EastView Mall to "press the flesh" with current and future philatelists. This year's celebration is on Saturday, October 4 from 10 AM to 5 PM in the Main Court near the Warner Brothers store. It's the same location as last year. The Post Office again plans to be there with a special cancel (see the

Mall Event web page) and have current stamps available for sale.

Two other western New York malls will be hosting concurrent events. The Niagara Federation of Stamp Clubs has reserved space at the Galleria Mall in Buffalo along with the Boy Scouts of Greater Buffalo to promote stamp collecting, especially for merit badges. Stamp clubs in the southern tier will converge at Olean's Center Mall for their NSCM event. Olean's cancel is similar to ours, while Buffalo's is featuring Niagara Falls.

We are in need of members to man the various display tables. We are flexible with available time slots, and you can spend an hour or the whole day with us! If you helped out last year, you surely had a great time, and this year will be even better!

Sign-up sheets will be available at our two September meetings. Also, RPA members can expect a phone call a week or two before the event to fill necessary slots. Do you have a one or two frame exhibit to display, preferably not shown last year? Do you have any items that would make a nice table display?

Do you need a ride to the mall? We'll also try to arrange car pools for members needing transportation, especially for some of our more senior members who find it difficult to attend regular meetings and events.

If you can help out with any of these, please contact Tom Fortunato at an RPA meeting, or call him at 621-1670. Let's make this one of the biggest RPA outings of 1997!

RPA Members Accept Posts

Ada Prill accepted the post of Director of the North American Youth Stamp Exhibiting Competition (NAYSEC) a few months ago. This is the organization which sponsors the national youth "Champion of Champions" exhibiting competition in conjunction with the APS' yearly "STAMPSHOW."

Just announced was the appointment of Tom Fortunato as the new APS Chapter Activities Committee Chairman. The CAC coordinates and organizes the activities of over 700 APS Chapter clubs.

RPA Web Site Expands

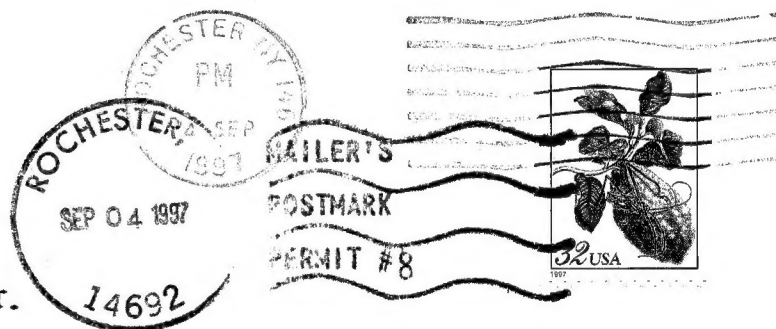
For those members on-line, check out the additional content on the RPA's Home Page. Several new sections have been added. We now are featuring pictures on the site as well. We need to update the web addresses of several members which appears on one of the Internet pages. Please check out this page and E-mail corrections immediately. This includes those who were previously connected through Vivanet, which is now out of business. www.frontiernet.net/~stamptmf/rpa/rpa.html

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